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Steamship *Corinto* sailing this date (24th instant) for Mobile, Ala., has had her crew vaccinated. Such passengers as could not give a satisfactory account of their whereabouts before reporting to me were vaccinated. Nearly all had been here 2 weeks or more, awaiting permission to sail, New Orleans having quarantined the entire Central American coast.

The marine medical inspector of steamship *Corinto* was transferred by order of Louisiana State board of health to steamship *Dictator*, the route of these vessels having been changed. The *Corinto* going to Mobile does not require a marine medical inspector on board.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Sanitary conditions—Quarantine at Limon against Colon—Malarial fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports, June 20, as follows:

The sanitary conditions of Colon and its vicinity continue unchanged. Since the case of yellow fever reported on May 22 no cases of a suspicious nature have been observed in Colon. I have been informed by the chief sanitary officer that on June 9 a suspicious case was found in Panama. The patient, an Italian, had arrived from Limon 2 days before being taken sick, from which it was argued that the infection, if any existed, was contracted in that place. After careful observation the board of diagnosis concluded that the case was not one of yellow fever.

Limon has quarantined against Colon as regards passenger traffic.

Since the rainy season has set in and *Anopheles* are abundant malarial fever has increased among the negroes, and the hospitals are crowded to their full capacity. The recently arrived West Indian negroes, especially the Barbadians, of whom a large number have been brought to the Isthmus by the Canal Commission, are the greatest sufferers.

From June 1 to June 17 there were officially reported in Colon and Cristobal 44 deaths, of which 11 were from malarial fever, 11 from pneumonia, 2 from dysentery, 4 from tuberculosis, 1 from filariasis, and the remainder from other ordinary diseases. These deaths were all among the negroes. The health of the white residents is exceptionally good and a death among them is of rare occurrence. Little or no sickness is reported among the crews of vessels lying in the canal or along side the docks in Colon.

Sanitary conditions at Bocas del Toro.

The following is received from Minister Magoon at Panama under date of June 13:

Conditions in Bocas are gratifying. The Panamanian Government is carrying out a plan of modern scientific improvement that will make the town healthful and beautiful. The streets have been widened and the houses moved back to proper alignment. All houses that required it (130 in number) have been raised. A system of drainage and sanitation is being installed and will be finished within seven months. The system consists of a large, open, concrete ditch bisecting the island on